

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8, 10-25 and 27-32 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 8, 10, 12, 13, 17, 19, 23, 27 and 32 are amended. No new matter is added by these amendments. Claims 9 and 26 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. In particular, the features of claim 9 have been incorporated into independent claims 1, 23 and 32. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 6-14, 17, 19, 28 and 29.

Applicants respectfully request that, in the next Office Action, the Examiner acknowledge Applicants' claim of priority and receipt of the priority documents.

The Office Action rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. By this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended responsive to the rejection based on the Examiner's helpful comments. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-5, 15, 16, 18, 20-27, 30 and 31 (and assumingly claim 32) under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0203909 to Koster in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0054345 to Tomida et al. (hereinafter "Tomida"). The rejections are respectively traversed.

Claim 1, and similarly claims 23 and 32, call for a slip printing system with a mobile terminal device that includes a service information input module through which service information regarding a service a customer intends to receive and a customer-chosen method of payment for the service rendered is input.

The Office Action, on page 6, states that Koster discloses that the service information includes data indicating a method of payment for the service rendered. However, Koster at Fig. 11A and page 13, paragraph [0113] discloses that the order information (service information) could contain credit card information (method of payment) and the user could enter this information and have it transferred to the adjunct. Koster does not disclose a customer-chosen method of payment that is input along with the service the customer intends to receive.

Tomida fails to overcome the deficiencies of Koster.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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